Usurp'd from you and your progenitors.

K. HEN. May I, with right and conscience, make this claim ?

CANT. The sin upon my head, dread sovereign !
For in the book of Numbers is it writ,—
When the son dies, let the inheritance
Descend unto the daughter. Gracious lord,
Stand for your own ; unwind your bloody flag:
Look back unto your mighty ancestors:
Go, my dread lord, to your great grandsire's tomb *[9]
From whom you claim ; invoke his warlike spirit,
And your great uncle's, Edward the black prince;
Who on the French ground play'd a tragedy,
Making defeat on the full power of France:
Whiles his most mighty father on a hill
Stood smiling, to behold his lion's whelp
Forage in blood of French nobility[7].
O noble English, that could entertain
With half their forces the full pride ^ of France;

* Quarto, *grave.* † Quarto, *power.*

Imbare, in the last line, is naturally "opposed to *hide* in that which precedes, and it differs but little from the reading of the quarto 1600. The objection that there is no such word as *imbare*, can have but little weight. It is a word so fairly deduced, and so easily understood, that an author of much less celebrity than Shakspeare, had a right to coin it. M. MASON.

In the folio the word is spelt *imbarre*. *Imbare* is, I believe, the true reading. It is formed like *impaint, impawn,* and many other similar words used by Shakspeare. MALONE.

7 Whiles his most mighty father on a hill
Stood smiling, &c.] This alludes to the battle of Cressy, as described by Holinshed: "* The earle of Northampton and others sent to the king, *where he stood aloft on a windmill-hill;* the king demanded if his sonne were slaine, hurt, or felled to the earth. No, said the knight that brought the message, but he is sore matched. Well, (said the king,) returne to him and them that sent you, and saie to them, that they send no more to me for any adventure that falleth, so long as my son is alive; for I will that this journeye be his, with the honour thereof. The slaughter of

the French was great and lamentable at the same battle, fought the 26th August, 1346." *Holinshed,* vol. ii p. 372, col. i.

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